

AUTOS TO BLAME.

Cause Slump in Attendance at Wichita and Topeka.

Both Izzy and Cooley Find Cars Costly.

FANS ARE JEALOUS.

Display of Wealth Causes Discontent With Managers.

Pettigrew, Who Has Grown Old in Wichita, Released.

Weather.

Des Moines at Denver, clear, 3:20 p. m.

Pueblo at Sioux City, cloudy, 3:45 p. m.

Lincoln at St. Joseph, clear, 3:45 p. m.

Topeka at Omaha, clear, 3:45 p. m.

Where They Play Tomorrow.

Topeka at Omaha.

Des Moines at Denver.

Pueblo at Sioux City.

Lincoln at St. Joseph.

What's the matter with this for a reason why Isbell went to the bad at Wichita and Cooley the same way in Topeka? They both bought automobiles.

Both were good managers and knew a good player. Both put up winning ball. And both made money—and then purchased automobiles. Immediately attendance at the games dropped off. Why? Easiest thing you know. People don't like to donate to some one else's coffers if they know it.

An automobile is a rank admission that one has made money somehow. A baseball manager who buys an auto exposes himself unduly—so it was with these two old managers. People refused to help build them castles.

Pueblo knows Izzy already had his auto when he came. Said Lake and Isbell has bought none for St. Joseph. Both leaders are winning. Let them not burn too much gasoline.

The only game in the Western yesterday was between Lincoln and St. Joseph at Jostown. And that was a very ordinary sort of a game, the Antelopes winning it.

Bin! The pill box rapped again. Buck Freeman wouldn't report to the Sox, the most promising pennant chaser, simply because his own record suffered last season in the little lot where everything is safe. So Jack Holland kindly and considerably came along and bought him up and now the Drummer battery will be "Buck" and "Butch."

Isbell has handed little Ned Pettigrew his unconditional. This right fielder has served faithfully in the Western league with Isbell but he has forgotten how to hit the ball—and that's about all that makes a right fielder.

Ernest Quigley, who coaches nothing but championship teams at St. Marys, will leave in a few days to umpire in the Wisconsin-Iowa league. Quig also runs an umpire school at St. Marys.

Report comes from Chicago that Rolfe Zeldner can not play a good game at short because the fans don't like him and "boo" at him every time he appears. Maybe Roy Corhan has something to do with conditions but the other players say Rolfe plays a dandy game on the road. Likely the Sox will have a good shortstop for sale soon.

The incident of the Denver and Omaha players being caught in a wreck the other day brings to mind the Topeka club's similar experience of a year ago. Old Jake Beckley wouldn't play the initial bag for a week trying to show the railroad company he was severely shook up inside. But the Santa Fe never did see where he was hurt.

Recurring again to Denver, what happened to that staunch first place pitcher who sailed a week or so ago? Holland knows most about it—but any afternoon may see the good ship righted again.

Des Moines, it is possible to say, has won five games already this season and if they hurry it will take them only two years to catch up with the rest of the pennant chasers. And yet two of those games were taken from the Kaws, so keep it dark.

Some circuit papers say that if the Kaws had some catchers and a right fielder, they would be right in the race. And they said it about as well as any one could. The Kaw catchers, at the present time, know very well what to call for from their pitchers and that is the big end of the backstopping which wins games—but they can't catch what they call for.

There has been some complaint, too, from the towns visited by the roaming Kaws, that Crompton and Hawkeye clubs who never could hit a barn with a hay rake, go up in the pinches and bang out two baggers. It is a crime, they say.

Denver Times: Reports from the wreck say that the Denver baseball team, which has been a narrow escape when their Pullman was derailed and turned over into the ditch, lost all their effects. These include their uniforms, bats and bats. The loss of the latter will be regarded as a "hoax" by many of the players. Each member of the team carries his own bat, and becomes so accustomed to its use that his success in nailing the

curves depends largely on it. The team will now have to use new sticks, and it is regarded as not impossible that this will have some effect on the record of the team.

Sporting News: Was left for a woman fan to pay Jack O'Connor one of the greatest compliments he ever received. This woman fan asked her escort at the ball park one day, "Why do they call O'Connor 'Rowdy Jack'?"

"That's easy," was the reply. "Listen to him. See how he yells at that base runner! See that look he gives the umpire!"

"Trying to win, ain't he?" asked the young woman.

"Why yes, I suppose so."

"Well, if that's rowdiness, I didn't read my dictionary right. I've been watching him play for five years and I never saw him put his hand on another player, much less try to hurt him."

Sloux City Tribune: Notice the way that Topeka club has been going of late. After the three stiff battles they played at Omaha, St. Joseph and here, it didn't take a spy glass to see that Moore has a real ball club. Let's play the Kaws to show.

Lincoln Star: Writers around the circuit are all coming out with little boasts for that Topeka bunch. When Lincoln stopped two games to them in the forefront of the season, a numerous variety of roasts were passed at the Lopes. The other teams are finding that the Kaws are not easy. Topeka has a ball team, which if strengthened behind the bat, should make a good run for the first division. In fact, things look promising for a great scrap between Omaha, St. Joseph and Topeka for the top of the second quarter, with a possibility that some of the selves shoveling down on the upper notches. And it will surprise no one if the leaders drop considerably in the percentages in the next six weeks.

Des Moines Register and Leader: Des Moines remembered some of the things which used to occur to them when "Tommy" Hawkins was catching for them a year ago. Tommy caught the first game. Result, the Des Moines pliffed second as soon as they made Tommy pounce on the ump, and made a fuss but the fact remained that he could not get the ball to the second base before a runner and six of the locals stole while Kores, who did not know Tommy last year, annexed two.

Sloux City Tribune: The magnates feel they have well taken care of the Topeka club in the change of schedule made necessary by Pueblo's admittance to the league. The Topeka-Denver games on Labor day at Topeka have been transferred to Denver and the Kaws are to get half the gate and a grandstand money. Topeka also gets an extra Saturday and Sunday at Denver. In exchange for these, the Kaws will play 24 consecutive games at the home grounds. Sloux City's mileage remains practically the same as the result of the revision.

Lincoln News: The incompetency of Umpire Clark is so brazen as to make imperative his dismissal by President O'Neill from the service of the Western League. Although Clark had previous years in the Western league, he was kept on the job when the Lincoln club invaded Packertown on Monday. Clark has made a mark of the Antelopes, both at home and abroad, ever since he was made an arbitrator two years ago. In the Monday game he perpetrated a disgusting decision by calling Tom Miller out at first on a play that was not even close. Miller having crossed the sack by a step when First Baseman Stem received the throw. Jack Thomas followed with a two-base hit. Had Miller been given a fair call, the Antelopes would have had runners on third and second, with nobody down and a splendid chance to tie the score. The decision on Miller was so raw that even the Sloux City fans groaned in derision. But the rankest trick of all charged up to this in-sufferable umpire was perpetrated during the first game of Tuesday afternoon's doubleheader between the Packers and Antelopes. The fence at the Riverside park in Sloux City does not completely surround the field. Between the bleachers and the right field fence is a canvas wall covering a strip about 200 feet long. With two Sloux City runners on the paths, Mully Miller, the Antelopes' catcher, hit into the right field just inside the foul line. Pitcher Barber, of the Packers, who had just been batted from the slab by the Antelopes, was perched on the grass near the foul line in right. When the ball came bounding along, Barber hastily lifted the canvas, let the sphere pass under and as promptly dumped the canvas to the ground. Clark was standing at the home plate, looking squarely at the ball. It was unconceivable that he would permit such a flagrant violation of the rules of the game and the spirit of fair play, but the fact remains that he allowed Miller to trot around the sacks and ring up a home run. Manager Unglaub and the Lincoln players protested, but in vain. Pressed for a reason for such an outrageous decision, Clark admitted that he was watching the progress of the ball but insisted he did not see where it was. A few minutes later, Clark located the Sloux City pitcher on the bench and informed Barber that he deserved a fine nothing short of \$50. But due to the fact that Barber, nor was the home run disallowed.

SENATORS BEAT NEW YORK.

Washington, June 1.—Washington defeated New York in a six-inning game, a heavy thunderstorm stopping play after Walter had flied to Cunningham at the beginning of the seventh inning. Score: R H E Washington.....001020—2 8 1 New York.....000200—2 7 1 Batteries—Groom and Ainsmith; Warhop and Blair.

No other American league games scheduled.

Western Association.

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No Sloux City-Pueblo game. Pueblo delayed by washouts.

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At Columbus—Score: R H E Louisville.....010000100—2 9 2 Columbus.....010000200—2 9 2 Batteries—Louisville, Pfister and Hughes; Columbus, Lessard and Bemis. Umpires—Blair and Weddige.

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